

REMARKS

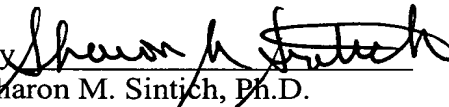
Applicants herein amend the specification at page 1 to indicate all prior applications to which the present application claims the benefit of the filing date, and to which the present application claims priority.

The amended claim set is based on the original claim set and is provided to reduce multiple dependencies and place the claims in more conventional U.S. form. The amendments are not intended to narrow the claims in any way and are not for reasons related to patentability. Moreover, the applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any original claim in related applications, such as continuing applications. These amendments do not add new matter to the specification.

It is submitted that all claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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